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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR ON HERLJEVIC-ANDROPOV MEETING,

AND SUSLOV

REF: (A) MOSCOW 2853 (B) BELGRADE 1315,

- 1. DURING MARCH 3 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR TOON YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR SMOLE SAID THE FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 3 VISIT OF YUGOSLAV SECURITY CHIEF HERLJEVIC WENT "QUITE WELL". HERLJEVIC WAS IMPRESSED WITH KGB CHIEF ANDROPOV WHOM SMOLE CHARACTERIZED AS THE "REAL PROGRESSIVE" IN THE POLITBURO IN THE SENSE THAT ANDROPOV REALLY KNOWS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE USSR AS CONTRASTED TO SUSLOV. SMOLE SAID ANDROPOV ASSURED HERLJEVIC THAT THE 700-800 OLD (VINTAGE 1948) YUGOSLAV "CONFORMISTS" WHO RESIDE IN THE USSR WOULD BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL. YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS DO NOT CONSIDER THOSE CONFORMISTS TO BE A THREAT SO LONG AS THEY ARE NOT ENCOURAGED BY THE SOVIETS.
- 2. SMOLE SAID HE DETESTS SUSLOV, WHO IS THE ONLY SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED HIM. SMOLE CONSIDERS SUSLOV AND PONMAREV TO BE THE TWO "TOUGH NUTS" ON THE POLITBURO IN TERMS OF THEIR HARDLINE ATTITUDES TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA. NOTWITHSTANDING CONFIDENTIAL

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SOVIET PRESS REPORTS TO THE CONTRARY. SMOLE SAID SUSLOV WAS NOT AT THE MOSCOW AIRPORT TO GREET BREZHNEV ON HIS RETURN FROM BELGRADE.

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